

REMARKS

The rejection of Claims 1 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Walmsley et al. in view of Cornett is respectfully traversed. Claims 1 and 11 have been amended.

With regard to Walmsley's "turret" 17, it is not rotatable about the "body" 19 when the "body" is locked in place. It can only be rotated when the body is not locked in place. This can be seen by how Walmsley's clamp collar 34 locks his laser tube 10 in place relative to the putter head, as best seen in his Figs. 2 and 3. Otherwise the tube 10 could easily rotate in the collar and become misaligned, especially when the club is being swung. While Walmsley is not clear about how the collar 34 grips the tube 10 to hold it in place, he does state as follows:

"As seen in Fig. 1, the first tubular portion 17 is provided with shoulders 39 which abut on the lower edge of the collar 34, and the end 40 of the second tubular portion 19 abuts against the upper surface of the collar 34." Col. 5, lines 18-21.

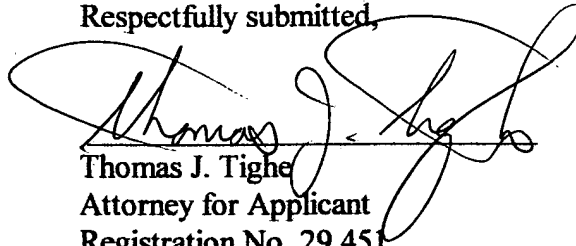
From the above quote it is quite clear that it is the friction created when the collar's lower and upper edges respectively abut the laser tube's shoulders (29 and 40) that affixes the laser tube 10 in relation to the clamp's collar 34. This is corroborated by Walmsley's express statement that it is the threadable engagement of the tubular portions, 17 and 19, between the cylindrical ring, i.e., collar, 34 that secures the laser tube to the attachment means 23" i.e., the shaft clamp. See col. 4, lines 6-10.

Also, if the tubular portions 17 and 19 are tightened to the point that shoulders 39 and 40 abut the collar 34, as described by Walmsley as necessary to secure the laser tube 10 in the collar, there is no further adjustment that can be made in the direction of tightening the threads. So Walmsley's "turret" is not rotatable when his tube 10 is locked in place.

Also, Walmsley does disclose or even suggest a single means for both locking the body in place relative to the arm while simultaneously locking the arm in place with respect to the golf club shaft.

It is believed the application is now in a condition for allowance, and reconsideration of this application is earnestly solicited.

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